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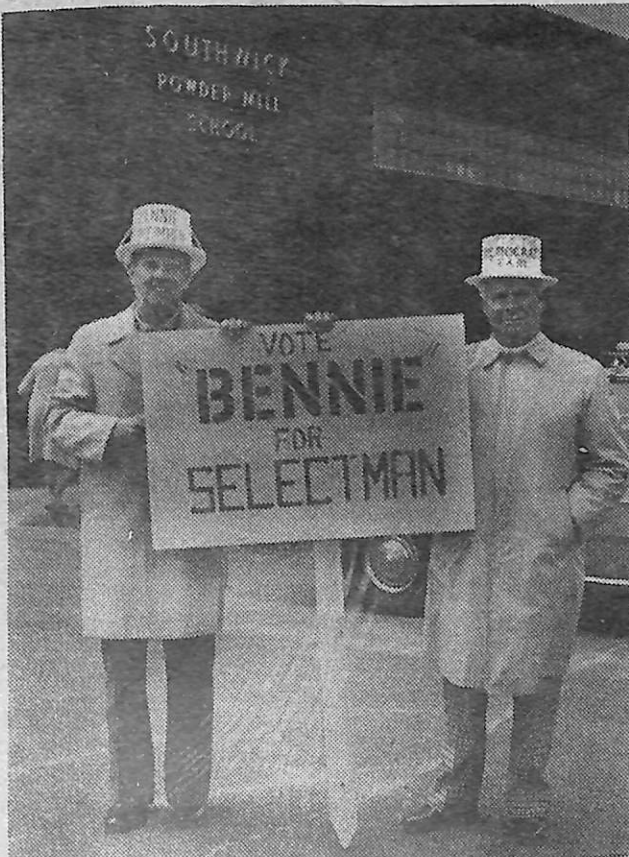
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SUPPORTERS OF THE CANDIDACY OF BENEDICT NASCIMBENI, Walter Lawson, left, and John Frappier, are all smiles at the polls on Tuesday. Their smiles grew even broader after the tallies were in that evening and Nascimbini was declared the winner of the selectman's race. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Townfolk Head For Town Meeting On Tuesday

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Besides the usual articles dealing with town budgets, appointments, salaries, and capital expenditures, voters will be asked to approve several other articles concerning the operation of the town for the upcoming year at the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, April 19th, at 7 p.m. at the high school.

Local citizens have petitioned selectmen to put an article before town meeting requesting limitation of commercial earth excavation to thirty vertical feet over an aquifer area.

A similar article received town meeting approval by a nearly 2-1 vote several months ago. The statute was rejected by the state, however, because of a technicality in procedure. The Planning Board has scheduled a public hearing on the article for April 18th, the night before the scheduled vote.

Voters are also being asked to appropriate \$35,000 for revaluation of property in town. State law requires communities to conduct revaluations every two years.

Of the total, \$15,000 will be spent for computer time. The remainder will pay for a coordinator, clerical work, and field work done by local assessors. An additional estimated \$15,000 will be necessary next year to complete the process. According to Board of Assessors Chairman Richard Waterman, the program will begin this summer and must be completed by February, 1985.

Selectmen are requesting three by-law changes. One would require the owner of an impounded dog to pay a \$15 fee in addition to any fines levied and a \$2 per day charge for keeping the animal. Fines presently range from \$10 to \$30 per offense.

A second by-law amendment would allow the building inspector to issue permits for temporary signs for a period not to exceed 90 days annually. These days do not have to be consecutive, according to officials. Presently, the Planning Board must grant permits for temporary signs. With town approval, this would no longer be necessary.

The third proposed change involves raising the minimum dollar amount of projects going out for bid, as allowed by state specifications. Under the proposal, bids must be asked for projects costing over \$4,000.

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Democrats Sweep Town Elections; Nascimbini Wins

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: With nearly 47 percent of the town's registered voters participating in the annual election, Democrats won all five contested seats, including that of selectman. Democrats also seated four in uncontested posts leaving only six uncontested positions to Republicans.

Former Democratic Selectmen Benedict Nascimbini, 67, defeated the younger incumbent, Republican Russell Fox by 168 votes. Nascimbini garnered 873 votes to Fox's 687. A total of 1,572 votes were cast.

According to Town Clerk Barbara Pooler, this is one of the largest voter turnouts in recent years, exceeded only by the 1978 election when over 1,668 voters turned out to elect Vivian Brown over Fred Hanks in the selectman's race.

Nascimbini, who served as selectman from 1963 to 1969, campaigned with the promise that he could spend more time on the job now that he is retired from business.

He formerly operated both the Stumble-In and the Southwick Inn and, although his family is still nominally involved with the Stumble-In, he said it should present no conflicting interest problems with his job as selectman.

Nascimbini said one of his first objectives is to finish the deadlocked contract negotiations with town employees as soon as possible, but he will not take a definite stand on other issues until he is better informed.

The 27-year old Fox wished the new selectman luck and commented that, unlike other retiring legislators who "will take time out to smell the flowers, I will be taking time to sell the flowers!"

Fox is involved in his family's floral and agricultural business in town. He added that his defeat did not mark the end of his service with the town.

Democrats also took two seats on the Planning Board with incumbent Theodore Dernago Jr., defeating Republican David St. Pierre for a five-year term and Council on Aging Chairman Arthur Redfern beating out Republican Nelson Caron for a four-year term to fill a vacancy.

Dernago received 861 votes to St. Pierre's 651. Redfern defeated Caron 779 to 742. The 37-vote margin was the smallest for all contested seats.

Democratic Housing Authority incumbent Joan Hagan drew 1,057 votes to Republican Haydon Moore's 415. Moore is presently serving on the Board of Health.

In the final contested seat, Norman "Chip" Crowley defeated Republican Conservation Commission veteran Reginald Woodruff by 957 to 535, for a one-year term on the Water Commission.

Other Democrats seated in uncontested posts are Water Commissioner Warren Baker with 1,337 votes; Dickenson School Trustee Albert Spillane, 1,299; and Cemetery Commissioner William Alamed Sr., 1,365; all incumbents. Southwick patrolman Kirk Sanders received 1,241 votes for a two-year seat on the Park and Recreation Commission.

Five of the six Republican candidates returning to office are incumbents William Fearn, School Committee, 1,188 votes; Assessor Chairman Richard Waterman, 1,189; Library Trustee Gerald Davis, 1,203; and Constables Florial Garcia and Leonard Seibert, 1,124 and 1,066, respectively.

Newcomer Ruth Connor received 569 votes in her bid for a two-year seat on the Park and Recreation Commission.

Independent candidate Susan Brzoska, running unchallenged, was returned to her seat on the Board of Health with 1,266 votes.

A three-year seat and a one-year seat, both on the Park and Recreation Commission, remain empty.

In what has been termed "the largest Democratic sweep in the town's history, a reported 62 percent of the registered Democrats participated as compared to 46 percent of the Republicans. There are 1,324 registered Democrats compared to 662 Republicans in Southwick. The town has 1,380 Independent voters registered, according to the Town Clerk's office.



THE CITIZENS' SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION of Southwick, Inc., held an election day food sale on Tuesday, April 12th, as a huge throng of voters converged on Powder Mill School. Helping to sell goods were Terry Burdick, left, and Ernestine Machesney. Photo by John Loftus.

Pat Smith Resigns Post; Kreps New Finance Chairman

By Cheryl Rutz

Suffield: Board of Finance Chairwoman Patricia Smith has resigned as chairwoman of the Board of Finance just three weeks before the 1983-84 budget is to be presented for town meeting vote. Member Dennis Kreps of Newgate Road was unanimously appointed to replace Mrs. Smith at Monday night's regular meeting.

Mrs. Smith, who has been on the board for two years, said she resigned because she does not have the time in the next few weeks to be the "upfront person" needed during budget deliberations.

A math teacher at Suffield High School, Mrs. Smith had been chairman of the Board of Finance for over a year, but said she does not feel she can handle the added responsibility at budget time this year.

However, she noted that she plans to remain on the board as a full member, putting her time into the budget subcommittee. She stated that her main objective is to get fair funding for all the boards and commissions in town.

Newly elected Chairman Kreps stressed that he would like to see the total town government be proactive and supportive of the budget and the whole budget process.

Kreps, who has been on the board 1 1/2 years, noted that there are 32 boards and commissions in Suffield, comprising a town government which consists of at least 300 persons. He said that all these commissions submit requests for the budget, but are not involved in the total budget process all the way through and the decisions are left up to members of the Finance Board.

Because the town has such a small grand list and many large expenditures, residents must be willing to pay high taxes if they want the quality of town services to continue, Kreps explained.

He went on to say that there are fewer and fewer federal and state dollars coming into towns such as Suffield, therefore services must be cut.

Kreps stated that the Finance Board has had a difficult time with this because there is not much that can be cut out of budgets submitted by local boards and commissions. According to Kreps, these groups have held to a fiscal constraint policy, keeping spending down as low as possible.

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Lakes Comm. Meets



OVER 100 RESIDENTS attended the Wednesday meeting of the Congamond Redevelopment Corporation to hear detailed explanations of present problems of the lakes water quality clean-up project. At a special town meeting Tuesday, voters will be asked to approve spending \$47,000 for half of the cost of the project. With local approval, the state will grant the remaining \$47,000 needed for purchase of a weed harvester and chemical treatment of the water to retard algae growth. Pictured above are Dave Heffernan (left), president of the Congamond Redevelopment Corporation; Ben Nascimbeni, new Southwick selectman; and Jack Scully, vice-president of the corporation. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

From Surplus Revenue... Voters To Consider \$200,000 Transfer

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Voters here will be asked to consider transfer of nearly \$200,000 from the surplus revenue account at a special town meeting on April 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the high school. The School Department has requested an estimated \$129,000 to cover a deficit in its 1982-83 budget primarily in the special needs accounts.

Voters will also be asked to approve spending of \$47,000 for a lakes clean-up project, of which the state will fund the remaining \$47,000. The project entails purchase of weed harvester and chemical treatment of lake water to deter algae growth.

After approval of the state's share of the funds, the local request for town meeting consideration was made by the Lakes Restoration Committee, which hopes to begin work this summer with town approval. Once the funds are granted, further testing of the water is necessary to determine the proper chemical to use. The project is expected to take three years initially.

A separate article, also dealing with the clean-up project, asks voters to approve local participation in an inter-municipal agreement and in-lake restoration techniques. It further asks approval of the town to seek state legislation for permission to enter the agreement. According to officials, such an agreement showing Suffield's willingness to cooperate in clean-up work is necessary before state funds will be granted.

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However, budget deliberation sessions are an awkward time for the board, he noted. "Pat did a good job, and I would have liked to see her continue," Kreps added.

He said that he is looking forward to the challenge and would like to see people in town hall pull together during budget time instead of disagreeing.

In other business at the meeting, the Board of Selectmen recommended a \$234,866 budget for the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA). Selectmen previously recommended that this budget be cut to \$225,000, but after hearing the WPCA's presentation Monday night, they agreed to request the higher amount.

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The School Committee is requesting the extra funds due to unanticipated costs of educating children with special needs as mandated by the state. Not only have the costs of such programs increased, but the number of children entering the system since the budget was approved last June has greatly increased, according to school authorities.

Because the School Department willingly cut \$70,000 from its fuel account for the present year, those accounts are also in excess of current spending. The cut was made in anticipation of installation of energy-saving devices in the schools. This project has not been completed and was of no use this school year. School officials are waiting until the last possible moment when more complete figures are available, especially for fuel use.

Voters will also be asked to approve three other articles dealing with fund transfers within specific departments' accounts.

The special town meeting is annually held prior to the annual town meeting to clear-up fiscal matters for the current year. The annual town meeting is scheduled to begin after the special town meeting on the same night.

WPCA Chairman Paul Barnett stated that this is a 9.4 percent increase over last year's budget. He noted that the sewer-use fee has been decreased to \$81 per year, per unit instead of \$82 per year.

Barnett said the majority of this year's expenditures will be for the Secondary Sewage Treatment Plant which is still in the planning stage of construction. Money is to be used to repair pumping stations and install new lines, some of which work has already been done.

The amount of state funding for this project has not yet been settled, according to Barnett, and the town of Enfield has not made an agreement with Suffield so that their treatment plant may be used. Thus, the final cost has not been determined.

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Selectmen Approve 1983 Tax Rate At Tentative \$24.30

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Selectmen Wednesday unanimously approved the recommendation of assessors to tentatively set the 1983 tax rate at \$24.30 per \$1,000 for all taxable property in town.

At the public hearing, Assessor Chairman Richard Waterman explained that by keeping a uniform classification on all property, the rate could be \$24.30. If properties were classified, residential and open space rates could go to \$23. Rates for commercial, industrial, and personal property would then be taxed at \$36.40 per \$1,000 valuation.

According to assessors, total town property is valued at \$126,178,371, of which more than 78% is residential. Under the new 100% valuation, assessors list residential property at \$98,736,600.

Other classes of property are listed at \$15,653,850 for commercial; \$5,557,700 for open space; \$2,947,800 for industrial; and \$3,282,421 for personal property.

Although local officials have approved the latest rate, final approval must come from the state before the rate is valid.

Selectmen also voted to allow increase in abatements for widows, minors, elderly, and veterans, as allowed under state laws. The new allowance provides "protection from the impact of revaluation" according to Waterman. He explained that, while the actual flat amount of the abatement increases, it just brings the total amount in line with the new valuations. Persons receiving such abatements cannot pay less taxes this year than they paid last year under the law, he said.

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Selectmen unanimously reappointed Merton Seibert for three years as Acting Highway Department Superintendent, effective March, 1983.

Seibert, who is also Water Department Superintendent, was appointed to the Highway Department last March in an experimental reorganization putting both departments under one superintendent. Selectmen plan to ask town meeting approval to make the position permanent at a special town meeting, possibly in June.

At his meeting with selectmen Wednesday, Seibert explained that his department had already rebuilt the transfer station road that washed out again on April

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Patrolmen Resentful About Contract Feud

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: This town's patrolmen are uneasy and somewhat resentful about the recent controversy concerning contract negotiations with selectmen, according to one department spokesman.

Although selectmen, at a April 1 news conference, charged the town's union employees with taking negotiations away from the table, patrolmen say they have been willing to settle the issue several times during the past year's negotiations but the town has continually brought in new stumbling blocks.

According to Patrolman Robert Grimaldi, recent figures stating police salaries ranging from \$16,760 are grossly misleading.

Grimaldi noted that, according to present contract, a patrolman starts at \$10,000 annually. The highest paid patrolman can only receive \$15,000 annually for a forty-hour week. The higher figures, he explained, include overtime, "the only thing that makes this job serviceable for a family man."

He said that overtime is not guaranteed and, while it can be heavy in summer months, it is virtually non-existent during the winter. Average overtime is about \$2,000 annually per man.

Police work overtime to cover for sick or vacationing co-workers along with emergency hours. Many times, a patrolman works a double shift for the overtime.

The 7% and 7% proposed increases mean about \$8 to \$9 in take-home pay a week depending on the salary of the officer. Although the police contract does allow for education incentive, up to \$2,000 annually, very few of the town's ten policemen are eligible for this benefit.

Countering charges by Selectmen Alan Ferrigno that the in-service training pay, \$250 paid in a lump sum in December, is a "Christmas bonus," Grimaldi said that well over 25 hours a year are put in by each man in extra training.

According to regulations, police must qualify annually with hand guns, train in first aid and CPR and attend various seminars on crime prevention, updated laws and safety, all off duty.

Police say they took this \$250.00 incentive several years ago in lieu of a raise.

In comparing police salaries with other department salaries, a police spokesman noted that the lowest paid Highway Department employee receives over \$13,600 annually under the present contract. The town has proposed an \$800 across-the-board raise for all town personnel, other than police.

Officers also said that while Southwick's liquor establishments far outnumber those in any neighboring community, police are paid substantially less.

Police allege that selectmen have encouraged men who want more pay to drop their weekly insurance payments. They say that "moonlighting" is also suggested for those who need more money than their police salaries pay.

The town is also saving additional police salaries by allowing reserve officers to ride in cruisers on weekends without pay. The recent suspension of a dispatcher will cost the town about \$800 in overtime pay.

Although federal recommendations call for a town to employ two policemen per 1,000 population, Southwick has only a 10-man department, compared to the suggested 15.

Because of the recent snags in the contract negotiations, selectmen have proposed to hold negotiations in open sessions. Both general town employees and police have been working without a contract since June. Negotiations have been in process since March of 1982, according to officials.

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Projects falling under that amount can be contracted by the town without bidding. Presently, the cap is \$2,000.

The meeting will also be asked to accept Granuado Circle as a town-maintained roadway. Such action was tabled at last year's annual meeting because of insufficient information.

Roads can only be accepted at an annual town meeting according to law. The town has maintained the road in the past few years as a favor to residents, but has not been required to do so. Until town accep-

tance, road maintenance is the responsibility of the developer, according to zoning regulations.

Selectmen have proposed offering a direct deposit of wages service to all town employees. The plan was originally expressed by School Committee members, who negotiated this item as part of the teachers' contract.

Town officials feel that due to extensive paperwork involved in initiating the process and the small number of additional persons involved, it would offer the service to general town workers as well. The action requires town meeting approval.

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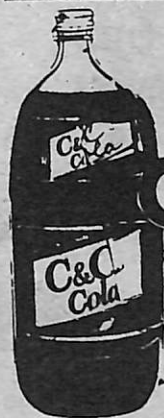
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Selectmen Asked To Transfer License At Ovid's Restaurant

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Selectmen here have taken under advisement the request of a transfer of a full liquor license from resident John Hansen to Salvatore Scuderi for Ovid's Restaurant.

Scuderi, who is purchasing the Congamond Road lounge, said his operation would be similar to what has been there. The new family-type restaurant, Geppetto's Restaurant, will not open for a few months while renovations are being done.

Scuderi said the restaurant will have a quiet atmosphere with no rock bands.

Joseph Scuderi, who will assist his father in the operation, now runs Interstate Television Repair on College Highway.

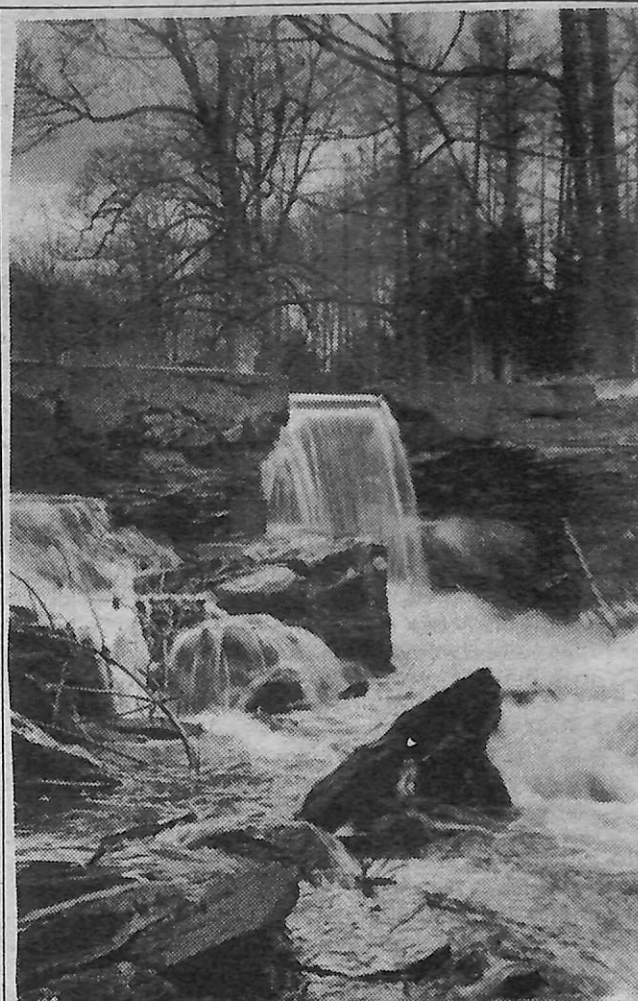
There was no opposition to the proposal at the public hearing.

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Selectmen have conditionally granted a business permit to Don Podolski for operation of a bicycle sales and repair shop on College Highway. Final action is dependent on receipt by the board of written approval from the Planning Board.

Podolski said New Horizons Sports Inc. would operate daily from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Thursdays and Fridays until 9 p.m. He said he has no plans for Sunday hours. He hopes to open the shop by mid-April.

At a March 17th public hearing, Podolski requested both the business license and a commercial recreation license to operate a bicycle racetrack in the rear of the building. No decision has yet been made regarding the track.



THIS BEAUTIFUL SCENE OF THE DAM OVER Rocky Gutter Brook in West Suffield

Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Town Meeting To Get United School Proposal

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Because of an expected additional \$127,000 in state aid, the School Committee has agreed with the Finance Committee recommendation of a \$3,442,707 total budget.

Although the School Committee's actual request is about \$53,000 more than the recommendation, both committees agreed to present a united proposal to the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday.

In a return for the school's agreed cut, the Finance Committee pledged to allow much of the additional funds to go to the schools.

Only another \$15,000 has been committed to the free cash account, according to Finance Chairman Norman Storey. He explained that his committee is not willing at this time to commit the additional funds any further until definite word is received from the state.

At the school's budget hearing Thursday, Storey said his committee also will allow \$36,000 to be used for the upcoming budget. This amount is derived from a projected \$127,000 deficit in the present budget of which \$90,000 will be needed this year.

The schools were allowed \$10,000 which was originally slated for the assessors biennial revaluation. At an earlier meeting, the Finance Committee determined the assessors would not need the added funds until fiscal 1985.

In asking for the school's cooperation in the budget presentation, Storey noted that each section of the budget is dependent on others. Additions are not possible because funds are not available, he said.

"Any addition could cause a holocaust and the whole budget would be blown sky-high," Storey said. He added that this year the town has already committed \$15,000 more than is presently available for fiscal 1984. He said, with the School Committee's agreement, "We should accomplish a whole package. Everyone will not be happy but the town will function reasonably well," he added.

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The \$3.4 million school budget is an increase of 6% over last year's expenditures, with the greatest increase (32%) being in the special needs accounts. The special needs spending has grown from 6.9% of the 1978 budget to 14.8% of next year's proposed budget. The department anticipates spending over \$508,000 in this area during the next fiscal year.

General school spending has been reduced \$11,297 from that of last year. At Woodland School, \$4,000 has been cut from requests for reading materials and books, according to School Superintendent Louis Josselyn.

Besides the special needs, the Powder Mill budget receives the next highest increase, 2.2% or \$20,573. High school expenses will also increase by \$8,282. Dr. Josselyn commended the committee for their extensive work on budget reductions, noting how the committee "agonized over all its decisions on final cuts."

Referring to a decision to cut four teachers, School Committeeman William Fearn said it is a documented fact that increased class sizes have led to increased need for special educational services to students.

Although the hearing was open for public discussion of the budget proposal, there were no residents present. Four members of the Finance Committee and Selectwoman Vivian Brown represented the town.

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Salmon Brook Restaurant
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Saunders Package Store
Saunders Boat Livery

POWDER MILL ROAD:

Southwick Recreation Center

SUFFIELD STORE DROPS

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Ebb's Corner Market
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Agway

MOUNTAIN ROAD:

Ken's Hardware Store
Dori Store/John's Foodtown

Mark's Drug

Hair Fashions
Suffield Inn

VILLAGE SHOPS:

Doghouse Cafe
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Suffield Pharmacy

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10th. He said that this temporary repair work should last longer than others because he has allowed for the high water to spill gradually across the roadway to alleviate pressure before it builds to the point of completely washing out the bridge and surrounding roadway. According to Selectman Alan Ferrigno, only about a three-foot area will be affected by a washout.

The board plans to meet with Seibert at its next regular meeting April 27th to discuss specifications for a permanent structure at the transfer station. Funds for the emergency repairs and permanent construction of the bridge over Great Brook have been provided through an emergency grant from the state.

Selectmen also accepted a \$200 donation for the Park and Recreation Commission from the Ransford W. Kellogg Post 872 V.F.W.

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By Mildred Talmadge

This is the month we think a lot about trees. Arbor Day has been established to remind us of this precious resource and is intended to urge anyone so inclined to plant a tree.

Every state has an Arbor Day. In New England, April 22nd is more or less the official date, but a few states claim their own individual ones. Each month of the year, one state or another is celebrating Arbor Day - from Louisiana in January to Georgia in December. Climate, of course, is one factor which helps to determine each date.

The United States cannot claim the origin of this dedication. Before Columbus came to these shores, the Aztecs in Central America are supposed to have planted a tree for every newborn child, and today, some Indians in Mexico still keep up the custom.

Lumbermen now replenish the forests after their devastating assault on the trees, and forests are now being restored after destructive fires occur. In just one decade, school children in New York State planted some 200,000 trees. During a period of just under fifty years, 800 million trees were planted in Nebraska. That's what a little dedication can accomplish.

In Suffield, there are many old trees still standing which have not yet lived out their natural lifespan. The sycamore on the Hathaway House lawn is said to have been there when George Washington came to town. It is possible that a black walnut on Mountain Road could be the oldest in the state.

Then, of course, we have our Spencer Oak off North Stone Street. Robert Alcorn in *The Biography of a Town* states that it was standing in 1670, and about 25 years ago, a small branch was blown down during a storm, and on examination, it alone was found to be 125 years old.

President Theodore Roosevelt once said, "A people without children would face a hopeless future; a country without trees is almost as hopeless."



LIBRARY UPDATE

By Mary Williams
Southwick Library

In honor of National Library Week, April 19-23, the Southwick Public Library will display the following new spring books:

FROM THE BEST SELLER LIST: *Little Drummer Girl* by John LeCarre, *Delta Star* by Joseph Wambaugh, *Ellis Island* by Fred Mustard Stewart, *Banker* by Dick Francis, *Blue Highways* by William Least Heat Moon, *The Longest War* by Jacobo Timerman.

OTHER NEW BOOKS: *Charlie Company* by Goldman & Fuller: A collective memoir of the Vietnam War by 65 members of an infantry unit who served a year abroad and then came home to fight a second war, this one waged at home and in the mind.

Enterprise by Eric Sevareid: Based on the Emmy-award-winning TV series, the commentator Eric Sevareid who also hosted the show profiles the drama and competition of the business world.

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Low Tax, Simple Tax, Flat Tax by Hall & Rabushka: A persuasive treatise on tax reform. Seasonal reading! *Sara Dane* by Catherine Gaskin: Courage and romance in Australia. This story is based on the true story of a woman who overcame the stigma of exile to become a woman of prominence and wealth in New South Wales.

NOTICE: The library will be closed on Monday, April 18th, Patriot's Day.



Letters To The Editor

Young Democrats Forming

To The Editor:

Would you please help us in our endeavors to form a group to be known as the Young Democrats of Southwick? This committee is firmly committed to the proposition that there is no problem too large or complex for the American system of government to correct if that government truly puts the welfare of its people above all else.

We need young people, willing and able, to devote a little of their time and talent to our political process and the operation of government. Join us on April 27th at 7:30 p.m. at the Fireman's Room-Town Building.

Hope to see there! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Committee at 569-3492.

Sincerely yours,

John Nicoletta, Chairman
Ralph Liptak Sr., Co-Chairman
Harvey Clark, Co-Chairman

Dinner To Honor Earl Waterman

Suffield: Suffield Democratic Town Committee will sponsor an appreciation dinner for H. Earl Waterman Jr., former First Selectman and current State Commissioner of Agriculture.

The dinner-dance will be held on Friday, April 29th, at La Renaissance in East Windsor.

Attending will be Governor William A. O'Neill, honorary chairman; Congressman Sam Gejdenson (D), 2nd District; Congresswoman Nancy Johnson (R), 6th District, and other state and local officials.

Additional information can be obtained by calling 668-7982.

LEGAL NOTICE
SUFFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

On April 5, 1983, the Suffield Conservation Commission, acting as the Inland Wetlands Regulatory Agency for the Town of Suffield, approved the following applications:

DECLARATORY RULING:

Suffield Academy, North Main Street, Suffield, Connecticut, received approval to place a recreation field on the north side of Stiles Lane near North Main Street as indicated on the map attached to the application, as there are no regulated soil types involved in this activity.

DECLARATORY RULING AS OF RIGHT:

Thomas J. McCarthy, 94 Brandywine Lane, Suffield, Connecticut, received approval to construct a single family residential home located on the east side of Mather Street near Boston Neck Road as indicated on the map attached to the application with recommendations made by the Commission, since with the implementation of erosion control during construction, no anticipated adverse impacts on the wetlands and watercourses exist. This approval is as of right because the lot was an approved subdivision prior to the effective date of the Inland Wetlands Act.

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JC Women Tour Center



THE SUFFIELD JAYCEE WOMEN recently toured the Suffield High School Vo-Ag Center and were shown the center's greenhouses. A question and answer session followed. Charles Mavrilián gave the tour. Pictured above, from left - Jaycee Women Kathy Zolad, Betsy Fisher, and Bunny Steinka discuss several types of plants grown at the Vo-Ag Center with Mavrilián. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Conn. Dance Company To Appear At Suffield Academy

Suffield: The Suffield Council for the Arts has arranged for the Connecticut Jazz Dance Company to appear at the Suffield Academy, Fuller Lounge, High Street, Suffield on Tuesday, April 26th at 8 p.m. The "Evening of Dance" will feature Karin Whitley, Christine Kuzia, Beth Jones and Cameron Tappin.

The group will also present a program in the Suffield Public Schools earlier in the day as part of the Visiting Artists Program. The tour will use the states as a stimulus to introduce the students to jazz dance. It takes the audience through America in song and dance. Featured will be soft-shoe, hoe-down, funky, boogie-woogie and musical comedy.

There will be an admission fee for the evening performance of \$2.50 per person and \$1.00 for children under 12 years of age.

For further information call Libby Davis at 668-2684.

Richard McCarty To Perform In ANTA Production

Suffield: Suffield resident Richard McCarty will appear as Mr. Webb in the Massachusetts ANTA (American National Theater and Academy) production of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* at Springfield College.

In addition to his work with ANTA and other area theater companies, McCarty, has appeared for many years with the Suffield Players, playing a wide variety of roles in such plays as *Pincic*, *The Fantasticks*, *Don Juan in Hell* and, most recently, this season's *Something's Afoot*.

Wilder's Pulitzer prize-winning drama is scheduled for two weekends, May 6-8 and 13-15, at 8 p.m. in the Beveridge Center on Alden Street. Tickets may be purchased at the door or be reserved by calling Gina Andrews at 737-6798.

"Cooking For One" Program

The Widow and Widower's Group, sponsored by the Second Baptist Church in Suffield, has planned a "Cooking For One" program for April 21st at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Dennis Klotzer, executive chef of Heublein's Corporate Headquarters Dining Room.

The meeting will be conducted in the church parlor. Call the Second Baptist Church at 668-2741 for further information.

SUFFIELD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Sponsored By Friends Of The Kent Memorial Library)

Mon., Apr. 18: Prepared Childbirth Class, 7, Emergency Aid Bldg.; Board of Finance, 7, Town Hall; Fire Commission, 7:30, Central Firestation; Zoning & Planning Commission, 7:30, Town Hall; Prayer Mtg., 8, Sacred Heart Church Hall; Knights of Columbus, 8:15, St. Joseph's Church Hall; Fire drill, 7, Central Firestation.

Tues., Apr. 19: Free blood pressure screening clinic, 1:30, Emergency Aid Bldg.; Rotary Club, 6, Suffield Inn; Second Baptist Church women's guild, 6:30, guest night & potluck supper, Fellowship Hall; Boy Scout Troop 260, 7, St. Joseph's Church Hall; Apollo Lodge, 7:30, Masonic Bldg.; Small Business Dev. series, 7:30, Kent Library; Sacred Heart women's guild, 8, Parish Hall; Board of Education, 8, Suffield High.

Wed., Apr. 20: Child & Family Services Thrift Shop, 35 Mountain Road, open Wed. & Thurs., 10-3:30 and Fri. & Sat., 10-1; Democratic Town Comm. Meeting, 8, Town Hall.

Thurs., Apr. 21: Medicare assistance, Enfield Savings & Loan, Suffield Village, 9:30-11:30. For information, call 668-2572 or 7512; Advisory Commission on Capital Expenditures, 7:30, Town Hall; Widow & Widowers Group, 7:30, Second Baptist Church; Holy Name Soc. bingo, 7:30, St. Joseph's Church Hall.

Anglican Bishop Of Tanzania To Be Honored April 16th

The Right Reverend Yohanna Madinda, Anglican Bishop of the Central Diocese of Tanzania, East Africa, will be the guest of honor at a reception to be held at the Calvary Episcopal Church, 145 Bridge St. in Suffield on Saturday, April 16th, at 7:00 p.m.

Bishop Madinda organized the Humbolo Leprosy Hospital in Tanzania as well as several other hospitals and schools in the East Africa area. He is currently touring the United States and Canada.

Bishop Madinda comes to Suffield at the invitation of members of the Connecticut Lepers Club. The group was organized in Suffield several years ago and has since been working to collect donations of money, medical supplies, used clothing, blankets and sheets for hospitals in Bishop Madinda's diocese.

All are invited to attend the reception to meet Bishop Madinda and to learn more of his important work.

P.W.P. Orientation

Parents Without Partners, Chapter 990, Southwick, Mass. will sponsor orientation for single parents each Thursday evening during the month of April. Orientations will take place at the Polish American Club on Rte. 57, Feeding Hills, at 8:30 p.m. A record hop will follow.

D.J. Bob Knight will feature music for dancing and easy listening. The record hop is open to members of PWP only.

Other prospective member orientations take place on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

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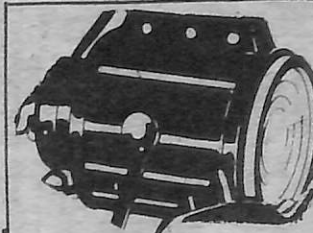
Women's Club Events For Scholarships



ELEANOR SUTTON, chairwoman of the Ways and Means Committee of the Suffield Women's Club, sells books and giftwrapping to raise funds for scholarships for worthy Suffield High School seniors. The club holds a variety of activities throughout the year to raise such funds. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.



AT THE FIFTH ANNUAL MINIATURE AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW & SALE sponsored by the Suffield Women's Club, Peggy Supple poses with authentic 1934 Shirley Temple doll valued at approximately \$600. Proceeds from this event go toward the club's scholarship fund. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.



SPOTLIGHT ON SENIORS

SOUTHWICK SENIOR CITIZENS' MENU

Mon., Apr. 18: Holiday
Tues., Apr. 19: Turkey tetrazzini, tossed salad, roll, canned pears, milk
Wed., Apr. 20: Chicken 'n' gravy, whipped potato, mashed turnip, wheat bread, apple, milk
Thurs., Apr. 21: Stuffed cabbage rolls, O'Brien potatoes, sliced carrots, pumpernickel bread, banana pudding, milk
Fri., Apr. 22: Breaded haddock, boiled parslie potato, carrot & cabbage salad, rye bread, applesauce, milk

SOUTHWICK SENIORS' ACTIVITIES

The Southwick Senior Citizens' Club met at the center on Depot Street on April 11th and elected the following officers: Ted Morini, president; Harvey Clark, vice-president; Eleanor Harvey, secretary; Madeline Hefferman, treasurer, and Dorothy Flagg, financial secretary. Nellie Petterson will serve as sergeant-at-arms for one year and Roy Johnson will serve as director.

Meetings of this group are held on the second Monday of each month, and area senior citizens are welcome to attend.

Tenants Assn. To Meet

Southwick: The Tenants' Association of the Southwick Housing Authority will meet Thursday, April 21st, at 2 p.m. at Depot Court Community Room.

Following a short business meeting conducted by President Louise Stevens, the program will feature "Days of the Trolley" with Kenneth DeCelle, a member of the Springfield Historical Society whose hobby has been trolleys.

The program is open to anyone interested in bringing back memories of the past. For more information, call Mrs. Marian Anderson at 569-3781.

Advanced First Aid & CPR

Suffield: Classes in advanced first aid and CPR will begin on April 25th and run every Monday and Wednesday until June 15th under the sponsorship of the Suffield Recreation Department.

Classes will meet at Suffield High School, room B-27 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is to be determined. Call the Rec. Department at 668-0237 to register.

Rotary Club Announces Raffle

The Rotary Club of Suffield has announced its annual scholarship fund raffle. A maximum of 350 tickets will be sold. Each person who buys a \$10 ticket is eligible to win one of nine prizes.

First prize is a \$1,000 trip with the destination to be selected by the winner. Arrangements will be through Holdridge Travel. Second prize is a 19" portable color TV. Third prize is an original, framed watercolor painting by professional artist John Bokeny. Fourth prize is a power lift electric garage door opener (installation not included).

Additional prizes include a \$50 gift certificate from John's Foodtown, tickets for two at Coachlight Dinner Theatre, a lobster dinner at Suffield Inn, a \$50 gift certificate from Suffield Savings Bank, and a toaster oven.

Tickets may be purchased from any Suffield Rotarian or at John's Foodtown, Mark Drug Store or Pilgrim Barber Shop. The drawing will be held at the Suffield Country Club on Tuesday, May 17.

Methodist Women To Hear Missionary Report

Southwick: The Rev. Marjorie Hiles will report to the United Methodist Women of Christ Church on her visit to Red Bird Mission in East Kentucky. The meeting will take place on Thursday, April 28th, at noon in Fellowship Hall.

Ms. Hiles is pastor at the Bolton-Vernon Methodist Churches in Connecticut. Her report will be illustrated with slides. Red Bird Mission is a large agency which became United Methodist with the merger of United Brethren and Methodists.

The noon meal will be soup, sandwich, dessert, and beverage for \$1.50. Please make reservations with Louise Stevens at 569-3842 or Marian Anderson at 569-3781 by April 22nd.

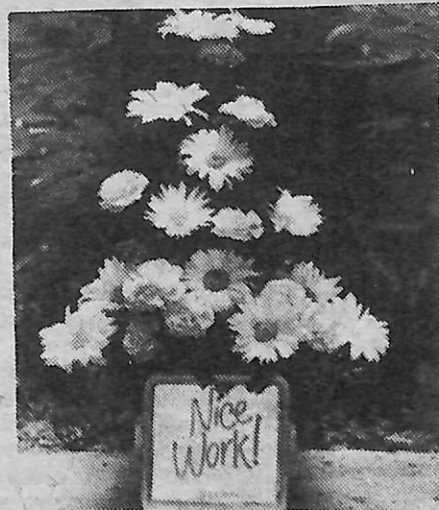
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Community Scrapbook

By Cheryl Bruno



Herbeles Give 100% To Town

Southwick: The expression "Giving 100%" definitely applies to this week's Scrapbook couple, David and Teddi Herbele of College Highway.

Friends describe them as very giving, dedicated, and family-oriented. The immediate family to which they are devoted includes three children: Mark, 15; Lynn, 10; and Dawn, 9. Their extended family is composed of kids from Brownie troops, at the Rec. Center, and in church and school groups. All of these children have been touched in a positive way by the Herbeles' special energy and attention.

Both David and Teddi have coached baseball, kickball, and soccer in Rec. Center programs. Though David's team didn't have a winning season last year, he nevertheless won the admiration and respect of the boys with whom he worked.

Teddi has been involved with the Children's Christmas Bazaar for seven years and has spent four years leading a Brownie troop. In addition, she has assisted with various events in organizations such as B.O.S.S.'s carnival, the Band Parents' exchange program, and the library at Woodland School.

Teddi currently works in the cafeteria at Woodland and considers this employment much more than just a job. Comforting a child who drops his tray or loses his lunch money has become a specialty with her.

"It gives me a super feeling when the kids come to me for help or recognize me in the grocery store and say 'Mommy, there's my lunch lady,'" Teddi remarks.

New Project With P.A.C.E.

Teddi's energies are now channeled into her newest pet project, the P.A.C.E. group at Powder Mill School. She has been involved with this parent-teacher group since its beginning and is an active board member.

Some of her duties include coordinating parent volunteers for field trips and recruiting volunteers for taping textbook material. She is currently spearheading the Southwick-Suffield Advertiser/News

subscription drive at Powder Mill and has been instrumental in bringing programs on drugs and alcohol and on Toughlove to the school.

After-school programs such as Dungeons and Dragons and candy-making were coordinated and supervised by Teddi, who modestly gives all credit to those around her. "None of these activities could have been accomplished without many dedicated volunteers, and luckily, we had the greatest people involved," she declares.

Active With Church Youth

A member of Christ Lutheran Church, David serves as director of their youth fellowship group. Activities such as bowling and skating parties are a popular part of their agenda, and the group recently sponsored a very successful pancake and sausage breakfast on Easter morning.

Proceeds from the breakfast will be used to make the church's final mortgage payment, according to David. Other activities are also planned for the youth in this group, but the culminating event will be a huge mortgage-burning celebration slated for Saturday, April 23rd.

The Herbeles are very supportive of each other's group activities and also share a common interest in the Powder Mill Drama Club. Mrs. Kathleen Drum, the club's director, has words of high praise for the couple's two-year involvement with her productions.

"Every play we present, especially this year's production of *Bye Bye Birdie*, requires a tremendous amount of set and property preparation. The students are most helpful, but adult assistance is always needed. I have learned that I can always depend on David and Teddi for the construction of props and scenery. They hammer, saw, nail, or whatever I ask of them," Mrs. Drum says.

She continues, "David has printed our tickets, free of charge, and they both give me all the moral support I could ask for. Knowing how genuinely concerned they are about all school functions, I feel very comfortable approaching the Herbeles for assistance."

Mrs. Drum has hit on the key words to describe this couple: genuinely concerned.

In explaining their motivation behind all their involvement, the Herbeles simply say, "We love kids."

Teddi goes on, "In our minds, the most important part of parenting is being there for your kids. Seeing how fast time slips by and the children grow up, we feel we must make the most of every minute with them."

Had the author of the popular saying "Never Too Busy For A Friend" known the Herbeles, he surely would have dedicated this expression to them. All of the children with whom David and Teddi are involved become their friends.



DAVID & TEDDI HERBELE help out with the props for the Powder Mill School Drama Club's production of *Bye, Bye Birdie* which was staged last week. The Herbeles are also most active with the Southwick Rec. Center, B.O.S.S., and the Band Parents. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Southwick Women's Club Slates Style Show

The Southwick Women's Club will present a spring style show on Thursday, April 21st, at 12 noon at the New Brass Rail. A wine and cheese tasting session will be followed by luncheon and show.

Tickets at \$9 each are available from members or by calling Marilyn Chunglo at 569-5556. For those who wish to attend only the style show, tickets are \$2.50 and available at the door at 1 p.m.



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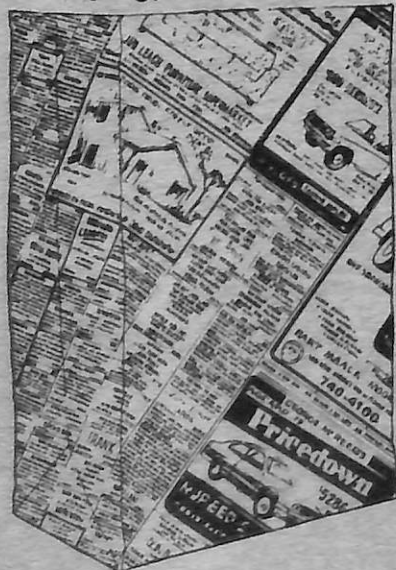
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Drama Club At Powder Mill School Presents Bye Bye Birdie

By Marsha Ramah

Southwick: "Kids, I don't know what's wrong with these kids today. Disobedient, disrespectful oafs." This phrase from the song in the production of Bye, Bye Birdie may describe the characters in the play, but certainly does not pertain to the students who so successfully played them on the stage.

According to Mrs. Kathleen Drum, advisor to the Powder Mill Drama Club which produces such annual shows, her "kids" are a group of energetic, cooperative, and responsible performers.

All of these qualities plus many others shone through during the performances of Bye, Bye Birdie which took place last Wednesday and Thursday nights. This play marked the seventh year of great performances by the drama club.

These full-scale productions began back in 1977 with *Hansel and Gretel* and a cast of fifteen. This year's show included seventy cast members, elaborate props, an intricate musical score, and a real challenge to all who were part of it.

The story of *Bye, Bye Birdie* is one that lends itself nicely to a high school production company, but the younger students in the Powder Mill Drama Club took on the task and performed it well. Much of the music had to be transposed to suit younger singers, but one might never know that any problems had taken place behind the scenes.

Mrs. Drum feels it is important to offer a more difficult and challenging production each year. Powder Mill School houses grades 4-8, and because many of the eighth graders have already participated in plays for several years, giving them something they feel is worthwhile and demanding is imperative to keep up their interest.

Elaborate props, which give the effect of a split-level home, required more time and planning as well this year. Plays of this type, however, can employ large groups of students, and thus give many an opportunity to perform in some capacity.

Time is probably the worst enemy of a play of this caliber. Rehearsal time is limited, and involving younger students does pose some problems since they need more supervision and motivation.

Mrs. Drum is fortunate to have a group of seventh and eighth graders who act as inspiration to all involved in the production. These young actors take charge and provide leadership and guidance to their younger classmates.

Mrs. Drum herself is the epitome of patience. She is almost tireless in her efforts to bring everything together. Her philosophy is to offer everyone an opportunity to shine, whether it be on the stage or backstage in the jobs of directors or stage crews.

These large-scale productions have become one of the highlights of the school year. They provide students with an opportunity to do something that will be noticed and appreciated.

The stars of this year's production were headed by eighth-grader Heather Grady, who played Rosie. Heather's powerful voice and great expressions made her the perfect "Spanish Rose."



POWDER MILL STUDENTS from left - Michael Zacchera (Albert), Heather Grady (Rose), and Diana Alberti (Mae) rehearse a scene from the production of Bye Bye Birdie which was held at the school this past week. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Heather is truly one of the leaders in whom Mrs. Drum puts so much faith. Any new cast members had only to watch Heather's stage performance to gain more assurance in their own abilities.

Diana Alberti played the possessive mother, Mae Albertson. Her comic antics delighted the audiences and performers alike. She easily adapted to her character and played it with confidence. The interaction between her and Rosie was quite professionally portrayed.

The audience as well as the groups of teenagers on stage loved Ron Hebert in his character of Conrad Birdie. His quiet, suave manner made everyone want to swoon.

Michael Zacchera as Albert Peterson was another leader in experience and confidence. His enjoyment of his role was obvious. He and Rosie were so well matched that they gave true comic touches to their relationship.

The MacAfee family, played by Richard Drummond, Suzanne Sena, Karen Rossi, and Jeanne Reed, was well cast. All four members came together to create a humorous and warm family atmosphere. Bursting into song came very naturally to all the performers.

Each student who walked onto the Powder Mill stage gave 100% effort in this production. Those behind the scenes obviously did their job well also as each scene progressed into the next.

Undoubtedly, one of the major factors which contributed to the success of *Bye, Bye Birdie* is the rapport which Mrs. Drum has with her students. They respect her and attempt to do their best for themselves and the audience, but most of all for Mrs. Drum.

SOUTHWICK GUIDANCE REPORT

By Bernard Hagan

There are over 25 scholarships available to seniors and post graduates in the guidance office. These applications should be picked up as soon as possible because some of them have mid-April deadline dates.

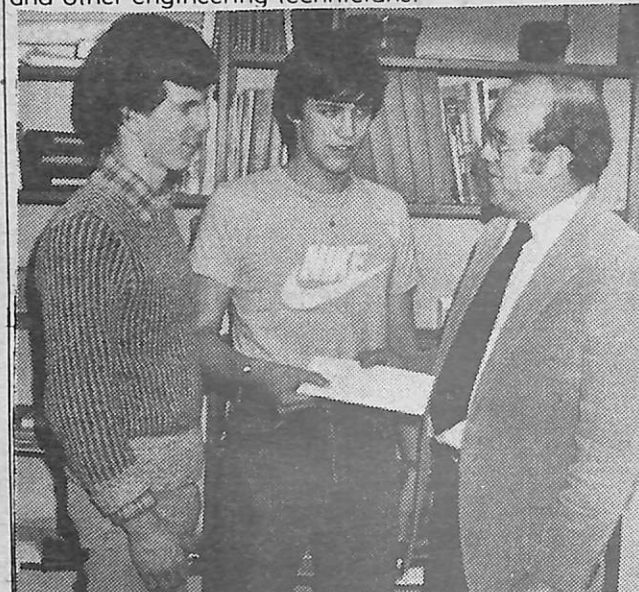
Seniors and college students looking for scholarship money for next year have an opportunity to receive some extra money for their college education for next year. Most of the applications in the guidance office at the present time are based on financial need.

When making these applications out, please return them to the guidance office as soon as possible because if your applications are turned in past deadline dates, they may not receive consideration.

A survey by the Department of Defense shows that many future jobs will be in careers that exist today rather than from emerging fields. Industries are projected to need more than 19.7 million clerical and sales workers by 1987, 2.5 million of which will be new jobs.

The secretarial field will have more than one million jobs within five years. More than 600,000 new jobs will be available in construction crafts trades, about 443,000 in transportation, and 281,000 in heavy equipment maintenance and repair. About 30,590 new aircraft mechanics will be needed and half of those will be in defense.

Other occupations which will need 100,000 or more workers by 1987 include laborers, automobile mechanics, solderers, welders, construction workers, and other engineering technicians.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY ADVISOR BERNARD HAGAN (right) receives a \$300 check from senior class winners of the "King-of-the-Hill" Basketball Contest Bob Albert (left) and Bruce Lambert. The money will be donated to the Southwick Citizen Scholarship Fund for deserving National Honor Society students. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

The National Honor Society King-of-the-Hill Basketball Game realized over \$300 for scholarship money. Incidentally, the game was won by the seniors by a score of 23 to 25. More excitement and enthusiasm was generated for this game than for the WCAA playoff games this year!

DATE TO REMEMBER: June 4th: Last SAT of the school year. Deadline date for applying is April 29th.

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Guidance

By Stu Fuller
Guidance Chairman
Suffield High School

Report cards are out and while seniors are enjoying their last high school vacation, the administration, hopefully, is preparing its last letter to those who like to "go down to the wire." Letters are sent to seniors with missing grades or with grades below a "C" when the courses are needed to graduate. Of course, all seniors "run the risk" and need to be sure to keep up their grades. Even with an "A" third quarter, it is still possible to fail a class.

Nice weather brings the temptation for taking time out. A word to the wise: senior skip days are not legitimate and should not be participated in. So hit the beach on the weekends.

The Class of 1986 begins scheduling the Monday after vacation. Hopefully, all next year's sophomores have made and will keep their appointments with their counselors.

Juniors considering college after graduation will most likely be taking the SAT at the high school on May 7th. Although regular registration closed last week, it is still possible - for an added fee - to take the test. A late registration may be sent as long as it is postmarked by April 13th, or a student may take the test as a walk-in for a considerably greater charge. It is also still possible to take this test in June in one of the surrounding towns offering it.

Members of the Classes of '84 and '85 who are considering careers in electronics, machining, or data processing may wish to look into the programs offered by the Cheney Vocational Technical High School Satellite Program, which is housed at Asnuntuck Community College in Enfield. Tuition is free and an excellent opportunity is extended to students to study in the area of their choice.

Eight students from Suffield are taking advantage of the program this year. The program provides them with a solid foundation of experiences which they may use as they continue either in their career area directly after graduation or in further training and education.

Students considering employment in the near future who have not yet received Social Security numbers should. Mr. Gregor, our Work Experience Coordinator, has applications available; sign up to see him on the sign up list on his door.

All students who are planning to continue their education should keep an ear open to the daily bulletins as visiting colleges are announced. This is a super opportunity to check out schools, get on mailing lists, and see what kinds of questions are asked at interviews.

DATE TO REMEMBER: April 27th: New Hampshire College, Manchester, N.H., 11:30 a.m.

Ray Tanguay Sings Swan Song After 30 Years In Suffield

By Lisa Pawelcik

As the director of music for the Suffield public schools, Ray Tanguay has watched many students leave this school system during his thirty years of teaching. Now it is Tanguay's turn to follow suit and say goodbye when he retires this year.

A graduate of Hartt College of Music, Tanguay went on to receive his master's degree from the University of Connecticut. Upon graduating, Tanguay spent a year or two teaching privately and then came to Suffield in 1953 "for a year, but stayed on for thirty."

Tanguay describes the scene when he started his teaching career: "There were 13 instrumental students in the whole system, playing in a combination band-chester, so named because it included a couple of violins."

He formed training bands and led young musicians through learning and performing from fifth grade through high school. He recalls, "The hard part was putting the first group of kids through. We made music and then quality came. Kids could appreciate that if they practiced, they got better."

Tanguay says he hasn't seen much change in kids over the years. Listening to his students perform, whether training band or dance band, two things stand out: the mutual enjoyment of performing together and music lessons well-learned.

During his industrious career, Tanguay has played an influential part in many pupils' aspiring musical careers. A large number of students earned ranking as all-state musicians and 25 former students have gone on to become public school music educators.

Tanguay feels that these former students' successes are the highpoints of his career. Other notable highlights are his numerous years as co-director of Laurel Music Camp, a state-sponsored, non-profit music camp, and his receiving the Suffield Jaycees' "Outstanding Teacher" award.

When expounding on the rewards of being involved in music education, Tanguay says, "My rewards include watching music participation develop self-discipline in thousands of children and youth. Witnessing students benefit from music in terms of self-expression, self-worth, joy in recreating beauty and sharing it with others all serve to make me feel good about my career."

Tanguay is also very appreciative of both parents and fellow music staff members whose encouragement and support, he feels, "has helped to make the Suffield Music Department one of the finest in Connecticut."

He also expresses appreciation for his wife Barbara, whose support and understanding have contributed to his successful career.

Even though Tanguay says he will miss teaching very much, he has already begun to formulate plans for his retirement. The opening of an instrument repair shop to serve local school systems is seen in the future along with traveling with his wife, who will also be retiring after a 20-year career in Suffield.



AFTER 30 YEARS OF TEACHING IN THE SUFFIELD SCHOOL SYSTEM, Ray Tanguay, shown here directing the band at commencement exercises last spring at Suffield High, has decided it is time to retire as an educator. Ray will retire at the end of this academic year. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

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SPORTS/RECREATION

Girls Tennis Swing Into Action

By Mary Beth Prew

The girls varsity tennis club of Suffield High School double faulted their first competition by a 5-2 count against Windsor this past Tuesday.

Senior Cindy Wills of Suffield lost 6-0, 6-0 to tough Karen Loades of Windsor in first singles competition. Suzanne Lingenfelter is currently playing number two on the Wildcats in singles and was triumphant over Louise Easton, winning in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2.

Third ranked Wildcat Mary Beth Prew fell 6-3, 6-3 in the third singles to A.G. Ericson.

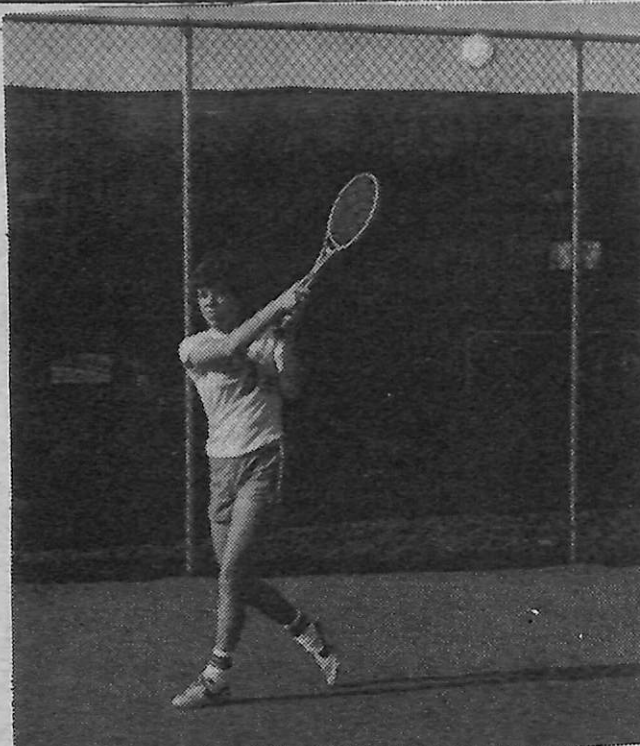
Suffield's Dianne Lingenfelter clobbered Kelli Wheaton, 6-0, 6-0 in a Wildcat victory in number four singles.

Teresa Coggins and Suzy White represented Suffield's first doubles and were soundly defeated, 6-0, 6-1 to Vicky Hoddinot and Karen Lee. Playing second doubles for the Wildcats are Sally Geary and Melissa Schwalbach and they went under 6-1, 6-2 to Renata Hron and Celeste Esleve.

The third doubles tandem filled by locals Kristen Chamberlain and Monica Llamas were dropped 6-3, 6-1 by Windsor's Carol Symonds and Sue Weissell.

Coach Karyn Leary explained that "all the matches were very tight. We made many excellent shots and the calls were good." However, according to Ms. Leary, the students need to capitalize on deuce and advantage points as these rallies are crucial for victory.

The tennis squad will meet during school vacation to challenge Rockville in an away match on Wednesday, April 20th and will face Rocky Hill at home on Thursday, April 21st.



SUFFIELD'S SUZANNE LINGENFELTER shows her form during a recent practice session at the high school courts. **Suzanne is playing number two singles for the Wildcats as the season opens.** Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Errors Plague Rams In Softball Openers

By Bob Hrycay

"I feel disappointed but not defeated. Obviously, it's back to fundamentals for us," said Mike Camerota, coach of the Southwick High girls' softball team which fell apart defensively in opening losses to Hopkins Academy and Hampshire Regional.

At Hopkins on Wednesday the Rams committed six errors and were pummeled, 18-0. Southwick bats were rusty as well as the locals were outthit, 12-2. Maryann Marceno and Cindy Lapan were the only Rams to make a safety.

In their home opener on Thursday against the Raiders, the locals came alive at the plate with nine hits, including a perfect 5-5, 5 RBI day from sophomore catcher Renee Duval. But, oh, was the defense missing!

The Rams turned over 17 errors, allowing Hampshire to steal one that should never have left Southwick. Final score: a wild 19-13.

The Raiders enjoyed a 9-3 lead after an inning and a half but the Rams tightened things right up behind the hitting of Duval, who stroked a two-run double in the first, and a two RBI single in a six-run second frame which tied the affair at 9-9.

Duval's safety knocked home Marceno in the following inning to give the Rams a brief 10-9 advantage.

However, the Raiders roughed up Rams pitcher Robin Schools for six hits and nine runs in the fifth inning to take a commanding 19-10 lead. Four walks and seven passed balls didn't help the Rams' cause at all.

"We should be playing better than we are but we're going to come back," Camerota promised. "We have to play better defense and that's all there is to it. We certainly can't allow ourselves to get psychologically down over those two losses."

The lady Rams will have plenty of opportunities to get their act in gear this coming week. They face Granby on Monday morning, return home on Wednesday against Easthampton, and then pack their bags for a Thursday encounter with Belchertown.

Suffield Softballers Seeking Respectability As Season Opens

By Amanda Hastings

Every coach wants a winning season. But first, a building program must gain the respect of the opposition and that's what Suffield varsity softball Coach Pat Urichio seeks as the 1983 season unfolds. The second year mentor says her girls have "an outside shot" at success this spring.

Urichio came to Suffield last year and improved the team's one win record by increasing it to a three win record. This may not seem like much of a change but where the team was concerned it made all the difference in the world.

Urichio's coaching experience is impressive with eight years of coaching at Our Lady of the Angels under his belt as well as 2 years of coaching young men in American Legion ball. The officials who know Urichio will think twice before taking the easy way out when making a tough call since Urichio knows his stuff, being both a softball and basketball official.

He looks to Ellington and Tolland for Suffield's toughest competition in NCCC action while he feels that his girls are evenly matched with teams from Stafford, Granby, East Windsor, East Granby, and Somers. Windsor Locks will present a problem in non-league competition.

Urichio is blessed with a tight infield and good batting and catching, while his pitching and outfield will be weak spots for Suffield.

For leadership, Coach Urichio will be looking to senior Dani Small and junior Beth Glime, the team's permanent captains. The team's infield is set with Glime and Small at the corners, first and third respectively, Amy Leach behind the plate, Michele Dion on the mound, Kathy Kavanagh at second, and Meg Glime holding things together at short stop. The remaining team members, Melissa Ives, Cindy Leavitt, Lori DiGennaro, Anne Sangiovanni, Cori Caiazzo, Kim Petkovich, and Paula Marek, vie for positions in the outfield, although Ives seems to have left field nailed down for herself.

However, what it all boils down to is the first game which, in Suffield's case turned out to be a step in the wrong direction as they fell to Granby's Bears 10-6.

"We had it all locked up," says Urichio, "and then our pitching fell apart."

Suffield was leading 5-1 after the third inning when Granby came on getting 6 runs in the top of the fourth. The pitching staff of Suffield gave up only three hits but had trouble with walks as well as a few errors.

Kathy Kavanagh was Suffield's offensive star hitting three for four while no outstanding defensive plays were made.

Their next game against Stafford on Tuesday, April 19th will be played at home (Bruce Park in Suffield). Game time for vacation week event is 2 p.m.

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Coward, Leveille Spin One-Hitters

By Bob Hrycay

The tall timber ruled on the mound last week for the Southwick High baseball team. Southpaw John Coward and righty Darryl Leveille baffled Granby and Smith Academy by twirling consecutive one-hit masterpieces.

Coward, a veteran senior, struckout 12 and held Granby hitless for five innings in a 13-romp last Tuesday at Granby. His bid for a no-hitter was spoiled by a leadoff homer in the sixth by shortstop Mark Penachio.

Leveille, making his first ever start for Jim Vincent's ballclub, was brilliant from the outset at Southwick on Thursday, fanning the side in the opening frame. He recorded 10 K's as the Rams rolled, 7-0. He allowed no walks.

An impressed Vincent beamed about his 6-4 hurler, "His control surprised me and so did his strikeout total on such a windy day. His breaking stuff was really fooling their hitters. They were going after some bad pitches."

The Falcons' lone hit was a leadoff single by Ron Smiarowski in the second. Leveille retired the next ten batters. Only one Falcon reached third base in the game.

Leveille helped his own cause with a sacrifice fly RBI in the four-run second inning. Bases loaded walks to Todd Phillips and Mike Molta, and an RBI single by Todd Typroicz accounted for the other tallies.

While Coward walked on three only three Granby hitters, his opponents couldn't find the plate and allowed 15 free passes while hitting two Rams batters.

Atkinson's Gang Wins First League Meet

By Bob Hrycay

Spurred by a triple first place performance by Brian Phillips, the Southwick High track and field team defeated top Division B rival Amherst Regional, 76-69 in the league opener at Southwick this past Thursday.

Phillips nailed down the top spot in the triple jump (37-6), long jump (16-1), and the 120 yard high hurdles (21 seconds).

One of the many Rams beaming with confidence over the Rams initial wins of the young season, Phillips said, "I think we'll do good this year. We'll certainly be better than in the past."

Helping to blow away the Hurricanes was a clutch performance in the two-mile by senior Mike Nelson, who came on in the final lap to win with a clocking of 10:56.

Other Rams sitting pretty in the victory circle were Eric Camissa in the javelin (130 feet), Rich Tingley in the pole vault, Dave DeRay in the mile (5:03), and Evan Anderson in the half mile (2:07).

The locals capitalized with five runs in the second, three in the fourth and four in the fifth to make this one a laugher.

The Rams, whose hitting was a major question mark during the pre-season, got plenty of wood from their infielders such as third baseman Dan Cook, shortstop Typroicz, and second baseman Kurt Geryk in the two wins.

Cook had a 4-6 week, going 3-3 with an RBI against the Falcons and drilling a two-run single against Granby.

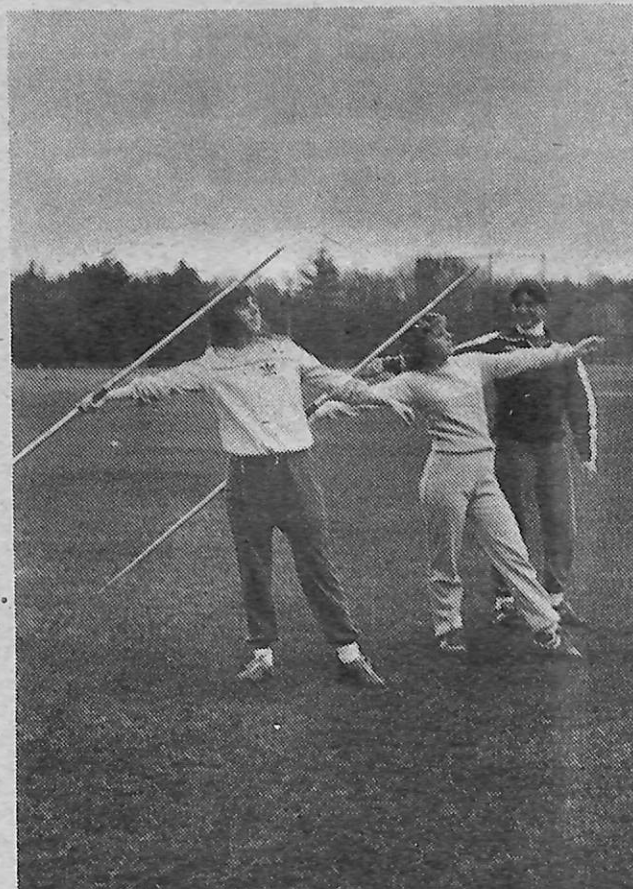
Besides his run scoring single against Smith Academy, Typroicz smashed a pair of run producing safeties in Granby. Also in that game Geryk laced a big two-run double.

The Rams offensive output in their openers read like this: six hits against Granby and seven against Smith. That's not bad for a team who is counting on its pitching, speed and defense to carry them.

Defensively, the locals committed only one error in each game with Vincent handing out plaudits to his outfield of Eric Jackson, Molta, and sophomore Jim Bruno.

Also getting a big round of applause from Coward and Leveille was the work of Todd Phillips, the Rams new sophomore receiver. Coward remarked, "For his first game, Todd did great. He called a very good game."

Kyle Moquin is expected to be on the mound when the Rams try to make it 3-0 at Dean Voke Tuesday afternoon. The locals will be home Friday to take on Gateway.



RAMS' JAVELIN SPECIALISTS Debra DeRay, left, and Cheryl Dubreuil get some tips on form from assistant coach Heather Reed, right, who is from Springfield College. Photo by John Loftus.

Southwick Girls Tracksters Fall To Westfield

The Southwick High girls' track and field squad under the direction of Dana White fell by a 92-20 count of Division I power Westfield last Monday. The Rams did receive encouraging and strong outings from frosh Sue Dold and Betsy Deedy.

Dold took the 440 with a clocking of 73 seconds and Deedy finished in a dead-heat in the 220 along with a second place showing in the high jump.

Senior Kathy Brignoli placed second in the discus and third in the shotput, and classmate Carol Deedy took third in the mile.

The locals travel to Palmer this Thursday for a 10:00 a.m. meet.

Modservations



By
Madge
Barnes

It must be spring! Baseball is on the airwaves; trout fishermen are readying their gear; many gardens already are planted with peas; and the forsythia is yellowing. What more proof do you want?

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Suffield Netmen Take Two, But Lose Five

By Mary Beth Prew

Suffield: The Suffield boys varsity tennis team challenged the Windsor club on April 12 and came up with two wins and five losses.

Wildcat Carl Casinhino competed in a rigorous game against Ron Harner in the first singles slot, coming through with a glorious victory in the third set, playing 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

At second singles position is brother Brian Casinhino, who also celebrated a win, 6-4, 7-5 against Jim Sylvia.

Wildcat David Dixon lost an elongated match against third singles player Carl Pare, 7-5, 4-6, 2-6.

Rounding off the singles, Suffield's fourth player, Peter Mann, fell 3-6, 0-6, to Robert Tasillo.

Kent Daigle and Andy Das are seeded as the Wildcats' first doubles team. They rallied against Tim Yakaitis and Jeff Abdon, dropping 3-6, 3-6.

Gene Barberi and Steve Galetta vollied an unsuccessful 5-7, 0-6 match against Windsor's Ralph Atanazio and George Urban in second doubles competition.

Windsor dominated the third doubles court also as Suffield's Peter Glynn and Eric Valdez flustered to a 1-6, 2-6 defeat from Craig Lombardo and Steve McManus.

Tom Naughton was injured on opening day, but plans to return to the squad very soon.

Coach Alan Duncan is now looking ahead to a match in Enfield on Monday, April 18 at 1:00 p.m. against the Enfield High School club.

Fire Safe Ideas

By Suffield Fire Department

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A PART OF LIFE

By Peter Forastiero
Colonial Funeral Chapel

Understanding A Child's Emotional Needs

The adult must understand the youngster's emotional needs. This is done by empathy, understanding and love. Love contributes to the child's security and gives a feeling of being valued. Love can be given in return.

Demonstrate in word and touch how much the child is loved. An emotionally mature adult who accepts the fact of death with courage and wisdom but not stoically will convey to the youngster that the business of life is living. The dead are to be remembered with appreciation, but after a short time the energies of those who mourn must turn again to those who live on.

Assist the child to unburden feelings through expression, confession, remembrance and release. The child needs to talk, not just to be talked to. Every opportunity should be given to discuss memories of the person who has died, to ask questions and be permitted to even express antipathy as well as affection for the deceased if this is desired.

Adults should encourage the child to accept the reality of death. The child's reaction to a death is geared to his particular stage of development. Parents must be careful not to attach adult-oriented meanings to the ways in which a child expresses an understanding of death. Nor should they shame or criticize for whatever responses are being made.

For the child whose grief is deep and sustained, provide every possible opportunity to talk about the loss. Then aid the child in getting into age-appropriate social activities. The necessity for carrying on day-to-day routines will assist the process of adjustment, and, in time, special interests and pleasures will again assume their normal place in the scheme of things - for both parents and child.

Adults must take great care not to work out their own grief experience through the child. It is damaging to try to make the child an emotional replacement for the deceased. Respect the child's own personality.

In the end, what you will determine what you teach your children. You communicate your feelings, your faith and your own fears both consciously and unconsciously. The real challenge is not just how to explain death to children, but first to understand and accept it yourself.

A View From The Inside

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Pace Slow In Legislature

The current session of the Legislature is proceeding slowly. Several committees have passed their deadlines for voting out bills and have sent a number of those bills to the House and Senate for action. But, the pace seems slow in comparison to other years. The holdup, of course, is the budget - where taxpayers dollars will be spent and how those dollars will be raised.

Year after year members of the Appropriations Committee spend weeks putting together a budget in an effort to balance the interests of various constituent groups. Each legislator supposedly wants money for a certain segment of the population or a particular pet program or project. After all such concerns are brought forth and lobbied in front of the Appropriations Committee (or behind the scenes in private meetings) the final budget proposal is presented to the entire Legislature for a vote.

The Appropriations Committee has gone through its annual budget review process - listening to agency requests, holding public hearings, meeting in subcommittee and making subcommittee revisions to the Governor's proposed budget. During that yearly process the input received is primarily from individuals or groups requesting more money for their program or proposing new programs to be funded by the State.

What remains to be answered is: How will the money be raised to fund the budget? Over the past weeks various proposals have been offered as ways to raise additional revenue from the Governor's proposed taxes on children's clothing, interest income, gasoline and personal and professional services to real estate taxes, increased business taxes, an increase in the sales tax and a state income tax. Most of the tax proposals set forth to date appear to have been designed to encourage more and more individuals to call for a statewide income tax. But, will an income tax resolve the state's budgetary problems? I think not. It will probably compound them in future years.

Rather than spending an exorbitant amount of time trying to find new ways to increase taxes, the state should be spending that time learning to live within its budget, funding only those programs that are absolutely necessary, increasing spending only when increased revenue is projected, cutting back spending when expected revenue falls short - just like running a business and the way you and I must budget at home!

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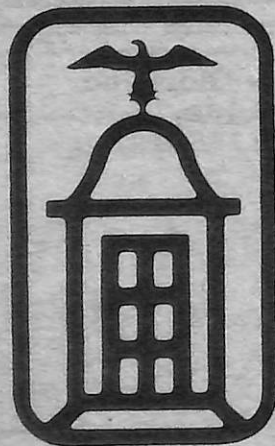
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